

For the Governing and Establishing

# The Old Office of INSURANCE on MARRIAGE, At a Certain and Weekly Devidend:

London

AT THE

*Society*  
Flower-de-Luce, near Lion's-Inn, the Backside of St. Clement's. Made  
by and with the Consent of the Trustees and Directors of the said Office.

3. Jan. 1711

ARTICLE I. **T**HAT 2100 Persons be admitted into this Society, who may Insure on their own, or any other Person's Marriage, for their own Profit.

II. THAT All, and every the Subscriber, pay for a Policy, Stamps, and Entrance 5 s. which Policy shall Intitle them, or Assigns, to the Benefit herein after mentioned.

III. PROVIDED 2100 Persons are subscrib'd on, and there shall be but One Claim made in any one Week, that Claimant shall have the entire Sum of 1000 l. paid them, 21 Days after claimed, by vertue of their, or their Nominee's Marriage; but in case there shall be Two, or more Claims in any one Week, then all and every the 1000 l. contributed by the Subscribers, shall be equally divided amongst all the Claimants in that Week; and if there shall not any one Claim be made in any one Week, then all and every the 1000 l. contributed by the Subscribers, shall be equally divided amongst all the Claimants in the First Four Weeks ensuing. Nevertheless, when any Subscriber receives a Devidend, they shall allow 1 s. for searching the Church-Book, where they, or their Nominee was married, (to prevent counterfeit Certificates) if it be within London and Westminster, or the Liberties thereof.

IV. THAT All and every the Subscribers at their Receiving their Devidend, shall be oblig'd to enter one afresh into the same Book, and as the true Intent and Meaning of this Article, is to keep the Books as full as possible, and support the Society, so as that the last enter'd may, when they receive their Devidend, have as much as the first enter'd, all and every the Subscribers so entering afresh, shall be oblig'd likewise to leave in the Hands of the Directors, one Week's Contribution, for the same so enter'd, which shall be added to the next Week's Devidend; and that no Subscriber may think this Article hard.

V. THAT All and every Person so enter'd afresh, by any of the Old Subscribers, shall be at liberty to marry at the Expiration of one Kalendar Month after the Date of their Entrance, and that 7 Days of the said Month be allow'd to nominate their Person, or Persons, but if they neglect to name them in that time, then they shall lose all the Advantage herein mentioned, and their said Entrance shall be void.

VI. THAT All and every the New Subscribers, or their Nominees that enter in the First 100 on, or after the 12th Day of February, 1711, shall be at liberty to marry at the Expiration of 7 Days above, one Kalendar Month after the Date of their Entrance; the Second 100 5 Weeks; the Third 100 7 Weeks; the Fourth 100 8 Weeks; the Fifth 100 9 Weeks, the Sixth 100 10 Weeks, and so to continue, unless it shall be thought convenient to prolong or alter the Time. Nevertheless, when any one of these New Subscribers receives a Devidend, they then become, and are incorporated with the Old Subscribers, and the Persons they then Enter afresh, in the room of those they receive for, are at liberty to marry at the Expiration of one Kalendar Month after such Entrance, and have all the Advantages and Liberties of Old Subscribers.

VII. THAT No Old Subscriber that enters afresh, be obliged to pay any Contribution (except that they leave in the hands of the Directors) for the first two Weeks after Entrance, so that if their Nominee Marry at the expiration of the one Kalendar Month as is allowed by these Articles, the Subscriber pays but Two Weeks more Contribution before they are capable of making another Claim: And that no New Subscriber that enters into the Society, on or after the 12th Day of February 1711, be obliged to pay any Contribution for the first Two Weeks after Entrance, so that if their Nominee Marrys at the expiration of Seven Weeks above one Kalendar Month as is allowed by these Articles, they will not Pay above Three Weeks Contribution (which is intended to Encourage all that enter afresh in the Room of those they receive for, to maintain them on; and new Subscribers to enter afresh). Since no Office allows the like Advantage to their Subscribers, Nevertheless if any one neglects to pay their Weekly Contribution of 10 s. on every Wednesday or Thursday after the time herein appointed into the Joint-Stock at the Office (without further Notice) they shall be excluded all the Advantages of this Society, and their Policies shall be void.

VIII. THAT All and every the Subscribers Claiming on this Society, do produce a Certificate, Signed by three credible Persons, one of the Minister or Clerk to be one, if their Nominee be Mar-

ried in a Protestant Church or Chappel; but if they be Married privately or in any Ambassadors Chappel; That then a Certificate, Signed by Three Credible Persons shall be sufficient; The same Priviledge will be allowed to those Persons called Quakers, and all other Her Majesties Dissenting Subjects; But if any dispute shall arise, that then some one Credible Person shall be free to make Oath or Affirmation of the Truth thereof before a Magistrate, before such Claim be received; and that no Certificate shall be allowed of or Received of any Persons Marriage without the Liberties of London and Westminster, unless an Oath or Affirmation be annexed and sent with it to prevent Counterfeit Certificates.

IX. THAT All and every Subscribers, or their Nominees, that are Married before the time Limited, or that Marry in the Queens-Bench, Fleet, or any other Prison, be Excluded all the Advantages of this Society, and their Policy or Policies shall be Void, and of no Effect; and that no Claim be made before Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

X. AND Whereas 12 Trustees was chosen by the old Subscribers, to whom 1000 l. Security is given, they have the liberty to see the Books cast up every Week, and to overlook the same, and to be at the Office on Pay-Days, to see that every thing be done justly on the part of the Directors.

XI. THAT The Proposers, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, be Directors, and have Power to deduct 5 l. per Cent for their own use, and Office Charge, out of all Devidends; to employ what Persons they think fit, and to dismiss the same at pleasure; and is hereby authoriz'd and allow'd to Alter, Amend, or Add any Article, or Articles with the Consent of the Trustees, not burthening the Subscribers.

XII. THAT All, and every the Subscribers, that shall make any Failure, or act contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of these Articles, Rules and Orders, either in Payment or Performance, shall be excluded the several Advantages of this Society, and their Policy, or Policies shall be void, and of no effect.

## Proposals for a Second Society.

**T**HAT A Second Society be compos'd of the same Number of Persons, subject to the same Orders, Rules and Limitations as the First, who by paying 2 s. 6 d. for a Policy and Stamps, at their Entrance, and 5 s. on every Wednesday or Thursday, as in the First, will entitle the Subscriber to, (if full) 500 l. if there be but one Claim in a Week, if two, or more, an equal Devidend, as is above express'd.

And whereas many Persons have been willing to enter into this Office, but are not capacitated to pay 10 s. or 5 s. per Week, it is therefore propos'd, to open one New Book for them.

## Proposals for a Third Society.

**T**HAT A Third Society be compos'd of the same Number of Persons, and subject to the same Orders, Rules, and Limitations as the First, (excepting those under mentioned) who by paying 2 s. 6 d. for a Policy and Stamps at their Entrance, and 2 s. 6 d. on every Wednesday or Thursday after the 10th Day of March next, will be entitl'd to 250 l. if full, and there be but one Claim, in any one Week, if two, or more, an equal Devidend, as is express'd in the two former.

Note, The Subscribers, or their Nominees, of this Third Society who are of the First 150, are allow'd to marry at the expiration of one Kalendar Month after Entrance, the Second 150 in 5 Weeks, the Third 150 in 6 Weeks, the Fourth 150 in 7 Weeks, the Fifth 150 in 8 Weeks, and so to continue.

Note, That all Subscribers that enter after the expiration of the First Month, have the same Privilege as is express'd in the VIIth Article of the First.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

**A**T the same Place any one may Insure on the birth of Children that shall live 24 Hours, for 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 Weeks, at a Certain Charge, without being oblig'd to pay any Contribution for the First 2 Weeks after Entrance, which (considering the Number already in the Book) is more advantageous to the Subscriber, than any New Books, in any Office in Town.



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